

September 9, 2014

Good evening President of the Board Collins, Clerk of the Board Davis, Board Trustees, Dr. Scroggin and Staff.

On tonight's Information Calendar, this board will be discussing bringing Automated External Defibrillators, or AED's, to our sites.

There is no denying that we all want the best safety precautions put in place for our employees and students.

However, I have several concerns that revolve around the potential risk for the District and employees, should this item be approved by the school board:

- First, there are 11 AED requirements that must be strictly adhered to by the district. They include a readiness check of each AED every 30 days, training of employees, a written plan of use, etc. Are you prepared to say that the district has the time and the manpower to oversee all 11 AED requirements at 30 sites to avoid liability should there be a breach of any of the requirements?
- The next issue is civil liability. Once the AED's are at our school sites, any negligence or breach of the protocols could result in a civil liability suit.
- Next are the Good Samaritan laws that protect persons who render emergency aid from being sued in a wrongful death suit. They do not apply in this case, further putting the employees and district in harm's way.
- Next, I'm concerned that the district will have a difficult time finding volunteers to be trained given the potential risk to employees for civil action should any "failure to adhere to the standard of care that applies to the development and implementation of the protocol procedures" occur.
- Lastly, to even consider this installation, I believe we would need a full time nurse at every school site trained and available to use this device if the need arises. Our teachers are not trained medical experts though we have already placed medical responsibilities on them for students who are diabetic, highly allergic requiring an epi pen, etc.

At this point, we can't ask any more of our teachers. Does the district have the resources to put a medical expert at each school along with updating protocol and maintaining the devices?

Please give this issue considerable thought before moving in this direction.

Thank you.